



New Hampton Community Church
Message Notes ~ Sunday February 8, 2026

“Even If ”

Courage for Challenging Times week 2 Daniel 3:1-26

Daniel 3:1-6

“King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, ninety feet high and nine feet wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ² He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up. ³ So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it.

⁴ Then the herald loudly proclaimed, “This is what you are commanded to do, O peoples, nations and men of every language: ⁵ As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶ Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”

➤ **Countless _____ constantly seek _____**

Daniel 3:12

“But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, O king. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”

➤ **Refusing to _____ is a noticeable _____**

Daniel 3:16-18

“Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸

But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Daniel 3:24-25

“He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

Psalms 23:4

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...”

➤ **God is in _____ with _____**

Daniel 3:26

“Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!”

1 Corinthians 1:18

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

Isaiah 43:2-3

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;”

Question to pray about & discuss.....

1. Name a few modern day idols. What are some practical ways to identify and resist these idols?
2. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood firm in their faith despite immense pressure to conform. Can you share a personal experience where you had to stand firm in your faith? What was the outcome?
3. How have you experienced God's presence during challenging times in your life?
4. How can we cultivate and maintain confidence in God, especially when facing opposition or misunderstandings?